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MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers

**Executive Director for Operations** 

FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary /RA/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - MEETING WITH NRC

STAKEHOLDERS - PROGRESS OF REGULATORY REFORM, 9:00 A.M., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2001, AUDITORIUM, TWO WHITE FLINT NORTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND (OPEN

TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission met with representatives of the Union of Concerned Scientists, the Nuclear Control Institute, Exelon Nuclear, Constellation Nuclear, Southern Nuclear, Detroit Edison, the Nuclear Energy Institute, the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations, the Electric Power Research Institute, the State of Connecticut, and the NRC staff to discuss the progress of regulatory reform efforts at the NRC. The stakeholders encouraged the NRC to continue to focus on the following areas:

- Developing processes that are fair, orderly, timely, and balanced (appropriately involving all stakeholders);
- Using risk-information in an appropriate, well-documented manner;
- Coordinating with States. In particular, the NRC should interact with States in areas that may result in State resource impacts; and
- Clearly communicating changes and their bases. For example, after the NRC completes its review of the NRC website to determine which information should no longer be provided, the NRC should clearly communicate the classes of information that were removed.

The NRC staff should strive to ensure that current programs and processes are responsive to the stakeholders' concerns listed above.

The Commission also encouraged the stakeholders to continue to interact with the NRC, as necessary, to highlight areas of concern or potential process improvements.

cc: Chairman Meserve

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